

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 6, 2012

SENATE BILL

No. 1563

Introduced by Senator Cannella

February 24, 2012

An act to amend Section 18978 of the Government Code, relating to civil service.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1563, as amended, Cannella. Civil service examinations: veterans' preference.

The California Constitution authorizes the Legislature to provide preferences for veterans in civil service positions. Existing civil service law further requires that veterans be allowed preference points for civil service employment, as specified. Existing law provides that disabled veterans who become eligible for certification from eligible lists by attaining the passing mark established for an entrance examination held on an open, nonpromotional basis are allowed 15 additional points. Other veterans are allowed 10 additional points.

This bill would specify that veterans who have completed acceptable training in the United States Armed Forces as ~~peace~~ *military law enforcement* officers shall be allowed 15 additional points for any entrance examination for a peace officer position. *The bill would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to establish, by regulation, what constitutes "acceptable training" for purposes of this provision.* The bill would also declare the Legislature's intent to simplify and expedite the process by which veterans who have completed acceptable training in the United States Armed Forces may become California peace officers.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to simplify and
2 expedite the process by which veterans who have completed
3 acceptable training in the United States Armed Forces may become
4 California peace officers.

5 SEC. 2. Section 18978 of the Government Code is amended
6 to read:

7 18978. (a) For any entrance examination held on an open,
8 nonpromotional basis pursuant to Section 18950, a veteran who
9 becomes eligible for certification from eligible lists by attaining
10 the passing mark established for the examination, shall be allowed
11 the following additional credits:

12 (1) Disabled veterans, 15 points.

13 (2) Veterans who have completed acceptable training in the
14 United States Armed Forces as ~~peace~~ *military law enforcement*
15 officers, 15 points, for an entrance examination for a peace officer
16 position. *The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training*
17 *shall establish, by regulation, what constitutes “acceptable*
18 *training” for purposes of this paragraph.*

19 (3) Other veterans, 10 points.

20 (b) For purposes of this section, “veteran” and “disabled veteran”
21 have the same meaning as those terms are used in Sections 18973
22 and 18973.1.

23 (c) Individuals who received veterans points under this section
24 are not eligible for career credits pursuant to Sections 18950.1,
25 18951, and 18951.5.